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1. NIGERIAN CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION IN MAY 1977 DECLINED SLIGHTLY TO AN AVERAGE OF 2,209,813 BARRELS PER DAY (B/D). DROP ATTRIBUTABLE TO OVERPRICING OF NIGERIAN CRUDE IN RELATION TO OTHER COMPETITIVE LIGHT AFRICAN CRUDES. ALTHOUGH BUYERS RELUCTANT TO REFUSE OIL OUTRIGHT FOR FEAR OF LOSING CONTRACTS, SOME HAVE STRETCHED OUT LIFTING SCHEDULES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, FORCING

OCCASIONAL PRODUCTION SHUTDOWNS. SOME PRODUCING COMPAINES
LIFTED QUANTITIES IN EXCESS OF CONTRACTED VOLUMES INSMAY TO MAIN-
TAIN PRODUCTION LEVELS, BUT HAVE ADVISED NIGERIAN NATIONAL PET-
ROLEUM CORPORATION (NNPC) IN JUNE THAT THEY CANNOT KEEP TAKING
OVERPRICED CRUDE AT SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES.

2. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS PROVISIONAL PRODUCTION FIGURES FOR MAY
AND FINAL FIGURES FOR APRIL:

COMPANY	MAY	APRIL	PERCENT CHANGE
SHELL-BP S	1,259,996	1,309,464	-3.8
GULF SS	322,172	309,812	PLUS 4.0
MOBIL	237,021	257,758	-8.0
AGIP/PHILLIPS	233,265	228,101	PLUS 2.3
ELF	84,584	87,013	-2.8
TEXACO/CHEVRON	53,976	47,983	PLUS 12.5
PAN OCEAN	9,639	8,009	PLUS 20.4
ASHLAND	9,160	9,419	-2.7
ALL COMPANIES	2,209,955	2,257,559	-2.1

3. EXPORTS AVERAGED 2,207,955 B/D.

4. DRILLING RIGS EMPLOYED AT MONTH'S END TOTALLED 15.

5. PRODUCTION IN JUNE WILL PROBABLY RISE SLIGHTLY EVEN THOUGH
MOST COMPANIES CONTINUE TO REPORT DIFFICULTY MARKETING NIGERIAN
CRUDE. SHELL-BP, WHICH LOST 2 MILLION BARRELS OF PRODUCTION IS
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BACK UP IN JUNE TO AVERAGE OF ABOUT 1,310,000 B/D. HOWEVER,
GULF HAD TO CUT BACK PRODUCTION BY 1,345,000 BARRELS DURING SECOND
WEEK OF JUNE AND IS AVERAGING ONLY 266,000 B/D SO FAR THIS MONTH.
ALTHOUGH PRODUCTION NOW BACK TO NORMAL, AVERAGE FOR WHOLE MONTH
EXPECTED TO BE ONLY 295,000 B/D. BOIL HAS RECENTLY BEEN FORCED
TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION SEVERELY AND WILL AVERAGE ONLY ABOUT 200,-
000 B/D FOR JUNE. AGIP/PHILLIPS, ON OTHER HAND, REPORTS NO
DIFFICULTIES WITH LIFTING AND EXPECTS TO HIT RECORD HIGH PRODUC-
TION OF 257,000 B/D IN JUNE. REMAINING SMALL PRODUCERS SHOULD
SHOW LITTLE CHANGE.
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